THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) On the request of the Ministry of Tourism, the Finance Ministry has announced in his budget proposal 2007-08, Tax Holiday for 5 years under Section 80-ID (1) of the Income Tax Act for new hotels of budget category coming up between 1.4.2007 to 31.3.2010 in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Districts of Faridabad, Gurgaon, Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Ministry of Tourism has been in touch with the State Governments for rationalisation and uniformity of taxes in the tourism industry.

Development of tribal tourism in **Orissa**

2384. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to focus on tribal tourism to improve the economy of backward regions of the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that Orissa has as good potential in tribal tourism; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to develop tribal tourism in Orissa to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourist infrastructure and promotion of tourism including rural tourism Products on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. These projects are sanctioned under "Product/ Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Circuits" Scheme. A list of projects developed for Orissa State during the Xth Plan is given in Statement (See below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism has prioritized development of the following schemes in consultation with the State Government of Orissa for granting

Central financial Assistance during the current financial year:—

Destination:	1. Chilka
Tourism Circuit:	1. Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark
	2. Simlipal-Chandipur-Talsari-Panchalingeswar
	3. Araku Valley-Sunabeda-Koraput-Malkangiri
Event/Festival	1. Sreekshetra Vasant Utsav
	2. Ekamra Utsav
	3. Puri Beach Festival
	4. Konark Festival
Rural Tourism Projects:	1. Daringibadi Village, Phulbani District
	2. Deulajhari Village, Angul District
	3. Padmanavpur Village, Ganiam District

Statement

Projects Sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan Period

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
	2002-03	
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur	50.00
2.	Computerisation of office and its Groups	7.50
	TOTAL	57.50
	2003-04	
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
2.	Konark Festival, 2002	5.00
3.	Folk Dance Festival, 2003-04	5.00
4.	Rajarani Music Festival, 2003-04	5.00
5.	Budha Mahotsav	10.00
	TOTAL	419.55

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
	2004-05	
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda) under Destination Development	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa-Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri Udaigiri and Langudi under Tourist Circuit	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kharvela Festival, 2004 05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Dist. (Software)	2000
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt. (Soft-ware)	20.00
7.	Development of Village Pipli in Puri Distt. (Hardware)	50.00
	TOTAL	1339.18
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	447.22
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00
4.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
5.	Development of Chilka Lake (Distt. Puri and Ganjam) as Tourist Destination	389.05
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL	2425.40
	2006-07	
1.	Development of Simlipal in Distt. Mayurbhanj as a tourist destination	297.12
2.	Puri Beach Festival, 2006	05.00
3.	Konark Festival, 2006	05.00
4.	Ekamra Utsav, 2007	10.00
5.	Shreekshetra Vasant Utsav, 2006	10.00
6.	Integrated Development of Chandipuri-Talsari-Udaypur-Chandaneswar-Remuna-Panchlingeswar-Nilagiri Circuit	800.00
7.	Development of Village Barpali, Distt Baragarh, Rural Tourism	50.00
8.	Development of Village Hirapur, Distt. Khurda, Rural Tourism	50.00
9.	Development of Village Padmanavpur, Distt. Ganjam, Rural Tourism	50.00
10.	Development of Village Deulajhari, Distt. Angul, Rural Tourism	50.00
11.	Integrated Development of Koraput Circuit "Koraput-Deomali-Jeypore-Upper Kolab-Gupteshwar as a tourist circuit in Orissa	692.00
	TOTAL	2019.12